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In re the Application of: **YONEYAMA, et al.**

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For. **A VIDEO CODING APPARATUS ACCORDING TO A FEATURE OF A VIDEO PICTURE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 25, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

An I frame inserting interval has been conventionally constant irrespective of the feature of the input video picture: namely, the GOP size has been fixed, so that intra-frame coding has been forcibly carried out per predetermined number of frames. Consequently, the I frame has been inserted even in the case where the input video picture has the high correlation with the reference video picture and coding efficiency can be enhanced by using inter-frame prediction coding.

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